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My dear Mother

Your interesting and valuable letter 17 Feb 10. reached me on the 12 of June. having been on its way only about 4 months. a much shorter space of time than that in which I was wont to receive letters from Government to Siam. It is a privilege to receive letters within four months from the writing of them instead of waiting from 6 to 8 months. Thanks be to our ~~H~~heavenly father for his gracious care over you in providing for all your wants, prolonging to such a degree your physical strength. and perpetuating to you your moral and intellectual powers unimpaired. and especially for the sanctifying and comforting influences of the Holy Spirit so abundantly imparted to you and your earthly pilgrimage. All our springs are in him. All our comforts flow from his bountiful hand. The gracious Lord prolong your life for many years to come a blessing to your children and children's children. to your numerous christian friends and to the church of God. which he hath purchased with his own blood. Not many weeks after the arrival of your letter. I also received one from my dear aged father. which together with yours much cheered my heart. His letter gave a brief history of ~~his~~ ancestors. ~~all of whom~~ for

three generations all resident on the old home stead the place of my birth. I am the fifth generation I think of the name of Stephen that has lived on that to me still dear spot. My father's great grand father was from Massachusetts. A brother of his settled in Stafford Con. They probably arrived in America about 150 years since. All my ancestors so far as I have any knowledge of their character were pious. Some of them lived to a very advanced age my great grandmother being 94 at her decease. and most of them arrived to a good old age. My honored father must now be about 78. He appears to enjoy a very peaceful and happy old age. daily enjoying the consolations of our holy religion, and having no occasion for anxiety in respect to the things of this world. His health is very comfortable. and his strength in a good degree continued. Their consideration. and no small comfort to my mind. amid my voluntary exile from home and native land. In view of God's care over me and my dear kindred I have abundant occasion for thanksgiving. I continue to be much favored in respect to health. and I hope my spirit is daily refreshed with the gentle dew of divine grace. though I have daily occasion to lament my comparative unfruitfulness. I still continue the study of the local dialect and daily make some efforts in the way of preaching the glorious gospel.

Bondy daily family worship in Chinese. I have two Chinese services in my own house on the Sabbath. Since the first of June have also had a preaching station in a large town on the south bank of the River min my Chapel being about 2 miles from my house This place I visit 5 days out of the 7 stept when mounted by peculiar circumstances Generally I walk to and fro. My congregation is encouraging as to number and sometimes still and attentive. Usually there are present from 40 to 60. and sometimes I have had nearly a hundred hearers. I suppose however that the majority attend in the hope of obtaining a hearing in my chapel have a small Chinese school. Our prospects as a mission are encouraging. The number of missionaries and wives altogether is now 9 ordained brethren. four of whom are married Five including myself are missionaries of our Board. the other four brethren are connected with the Am. Meth. Epis. Board. Mrs White. a dearly beloved sister missionary of that Board died of an affection of the lungs. after a few months decline. on the 24 of May. Thus only one of our number has been called home Brother White our afflicted brother is in feeble health. and others of our number more or less with under the influence of the climate. for we have here warm weather. though Siam is warmer. Thank you most sincerely for your kind remembrance of me in your prayers. and

in your letter. Hope it may be my privilege upon
by to hear from your own pen. ere you shall be
called hence. though I may seem to wish to detain
you from the immediate presence of your
Savior. My affectionate remembrance to all
my kindred and friends in Gouverneur —
The Lord thus bless the church of the saints

Please Write me on receipt of this —
S. Johnson

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Mrs Mary Fisher
Gouverneur St. Lawr. County
New York

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Brother Johnson
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Hope it may be my privilege soon to receive
something from the pen of brother and
sister Fisher. It is a long time since they
have written to their dear brother. who is far away
Have I not some claim on them? Farewell
The peace of God rules in your heart.
Your affectionate bro.
Stephen John Johnson